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FROM: Jeannie Potter
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MESSAGE: Chairman Harrell wanted a copy of the letter faxed to you and the original is being mailed immediately. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at (803) 734-3144.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeannie Potter".

Jeannie Potter

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January 16, 2002

Ms. Renata B. Hesse
Antitrust Division
U. S. Department of Justice
601 B Street NW
Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Re: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Ms. Hesse:

This is to express my support for the settlement that Attorney General Ashcroft agreed to regarding the Department of Justice antitrust action against Microsoft.

The settlement puts important new restrictions on Microsoft, yet it allows that company to continue to compete and innovate. Nine of the eighteen suing states decided to support the settlement, and our own state's attorney general, Charlie Condon, previously decided to stay out of the lawsuit. In my opinion it will benefit consumers, competition and the economy to allow this long-running lawsuit to be brought to a conclusion as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Harrell, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Harrell, Jr.
Chairman

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